

## Message Text

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CDES  
SUBJ: REMAINS OF USC WHO DIED IN INDONESIA IN 1948

1. INDOESIAN OFFICIALS HAVE NOTIFIED US THAT THE  
REAMINS OF A U.S. CITIZEN KILLED IN AIR CRASH IN THE  
LAMPUNG AREA OF SOUTHERN SUMATRA DURINGINDONESIAN  
WAR OF INDEPENDENCE HAVE BEENDISCOVERED. AMERICAN , NAMED ROBERT  
EARL FREEBERG, CRASHED IN A DAKOTA AIRCRAFT HE WAS  
PILOTING(NUMBER RI 002) ON OCTOBER 1,1948.

2. THE REMAINS HAVE BEEN BURIED NEAR PALEMBANG, SOUTH  
SUMATRA,IN AN INDONESIAN NATIONAL CEMETERY AT TANJUNG  
KARANG, ALONG WITH THE REMAINS OF SEVERAL INDONESIAN  
CREWMEMBERS AND PASSENGERS. THE REMAINS WERE NOT  
COMPLETE AFTER SO MANY YEARS IN THE OPEN, AND NOT  
SEPARATELY IDENTIFIABLE. NEVERTHELESS, THE INDONESIAN  
GOVERNMENT HAS ASKED US TO SEE IF WE CAN LOCATE ANY  
SURVIVING FAMILY IN THE U.S. FOR NOTIFICATION AND,  
IF DESIRED, SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO THE U.S.

3. IS IT POSSIBLE FOR DEPARTMENT OF STATE OR DEPARTMENT  
OF DEFENSE TO PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO LOCATE  
SURVIVING FAMILY; FREEBERG WAS A U.S. NAVY FLYER IN  
THIS AREA DURINGWW II WHO LATER JOINED THEINDONESIAN  
FREEDOM FIGHT AGAINST THE DUTCH.

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4. THISINFORMATION ON FREEBERG COMES FROM AN  
HISTORICAL RECORD COMPILED IN 1950 WHEN THE AIRCRAFT  
RI002 WAS OFFICIALLY DECLARED LOST.  
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